

Santee Sioux Nation

Takoja Tipi Daycare

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To: Director of the Office of Child Care
From: Carol Brandt, Takoja Tipi Daycare Director
RE: CRRSA Planned Use

To Whom It May Concern:

Direct Child Care Services:

Takoja Tipi Daycare plans to provide co-pay assistance to all families whose children attend Takoja Tipi Daycare.

Implementation of virus mitigation policies and practices

Takoja Tipi Daycare currently has a COVID-19 extra precautions procedure in place which includes daily temperature checks at arrival and every 2 hours during diaper changing scheduled times, toys exchange/replacement every two hours for cleaning, hand sanitizer and hand washing are done constantly throughout the day, and all staff are required to wear masks and complete temperature checks throughout the day with the children. There are no visitors allowed in the center unless approved prior to visit by the director. All visitors and parents are required to wear masks while in the building. The CRRSA funds will help the Takoja Tipi Daycare better manage these procedures by providing cleaning and sanitizing supplies, extra thermometers to keep on hand for daily temperature checks. The daycare will be purchasing more duplicate toys so when toys are removed from the play area for cleaning, they can be replaced with the same toy until the next rotation. Funds will also be used to purchase masks for staff and children over the age of 2 to wear in the daycare and an extra mask for them to take home so if they have to go to the doctor or any public area, they can do their part of staying healthy outside of the childcare center. The best way to prevent covid-19 is wear masks, sanitize, and social distance, in a childcare center with infants and toddlers some of these things can be difficult to manage the daycare plans to keep the children as safe and healthy as much as possible.

Grants or Assistants to stabilize child care providers

Takoja Tipi Daycare will implement payroll assistance for child care providers quarantined and Daycare closures due to COVID-19. Takoja Tipi Daycare is planning on providing hazard pay to all employees in quarterly payments.

Assistance to provider not participating in subsidy system prior and pandemic

Takoja Tipi Daycare plans to explore opportunities with other daycare entities to determine need. The Daycare is currently waiting on additional guidance and information from all CRRSA and the other daycare entities in the area before plans can be finalized.

Other

Takoja Tipi Daycare will utilize the funding to provide provider pampers, wipes, and formula that parents are normally asked to bring at their own expense. The daycare is also planning to provide more social and emotional learning resources to help the children with their words and feelings during these emotional times. Takoja Tipi Daycare is also in the process of installing a new fence for outdoor time which CRRSA will help fund more outdoor equipment so the children can get fresh air and better social distance. The Takoja Tipi Daycare is also exploring more ways to support our families.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

/s/

Carol Brandt
Takoja Tipi Daycare Director